

scrumptious lunches, dinners, and sweets. Both Becky and David Shepherd, who have lived in Brunswick since 1981, have been active members of the local community for many years. Becky has served on the Brunswick school and library boards, and both donate significant time and money to various community based projects both locally and throughout Maine, particularly regarding education and the environment.

A mainstay of the Brunswick downtown for nearly two decades, Wild Oats Bakery & Café is a unique restaurant that has assuredly earned its exceptional reputation for quality service and delicious cuisine. I offer my sincerest congratulations to Becky and David Shepherd and everyone at Wild Oats Bakery & Café on their well-deserved accomplishments, and I wish them many years of continued success.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13466 OF JUNE 26, 2008, WITH RESPECT TO THE CURRENT EXISTENCE AND RISK OF THE PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS-USABLE FISSILE MATERIAL ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA—PM 26

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency, declared in Executive Order 13466 of

June 26, 2008, is to continue in effect beyond June 26, 2009.

The current existence and risk of the proliferation of weapons-usable fissile material on the Korean Peninsula constitute a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency and maintain certain restrictions with respect to North Korea and North Korean nationals that would otherwise have been lifted in Proclamation 8271 of June 26, 2008.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 24, 2009.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 10:09 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. SCHIFF (appointed a manager on the part of the House for the impeachment of Samuel B. Kent, a judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas), announced that the House has agreed to the following resolutions:

H. Res. 520. Resolution impeaching Samuel B. Kent, judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, for high crimes and misdemeanors.

H. Res. 565. Resolution appointing and authorizing managers for the impeachment of Samuel B. Kent, a judge of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

At 1 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 407. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2009, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, to codify increases in the rates of such compensation that were effective as of December 1, 2008, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1016. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide advance appropriations authority for certain accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1172. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include on the Internet website of the Department of Veterans Affairs a list of organizations that provide scholarships to veterans and their survivors.

H.R. 1211. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and improve health care services available to women veterans, especially those serving in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 1777) to make technical corrections to the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The following enrolled bills were signed by the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE) on today, Wednesday, June 24, 2009, which were previously signed by the Speaker of the House:

S. 614. An act to award a congressional Gold Medal to the Women Airforce Service Pilots ("WASP").

S. 615. An act to provide additional personnel authorities for the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1172. An act to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to include on the Internet website of the Department of Veterans Affairs a list of organizations that provide scholarships to veterans and their survivors; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 1211. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand and improve health care services available to women veterans, especially those serving in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 1344. A bill to temporarily protect the solvency of the Highway Trust Fund.

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, June 24, 2009, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 614. An act to award a congressional Gold Medal to the Women Airforce Service Pilots ("WASP").

S. 615. An act to provide additional personnel authorities for the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. LEVIN for the Committee on Armed Services.

*Dennis M. McCarthy, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

*Daniel Ginsberg, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first

and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. 1332. A bill to prohibit States from carrying out more than one congressional redistricting after a decennial census and apportionment, to require States to conduct such redistricting through independent commissions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. HATCH, Mr. VITTER, Mr. RISCH, Mr. BENNETT, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1333. A bill to provide clean, affordable, and reliable energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MENENDEZ, and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1334. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to extend and improve protections and services to individuals directly impacted by the terrorist attack in New York City on September 11, 2001, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 1335. A bill to require reports on the effectiveness and impacts of the implementation of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. MURRAY:

S. 1336. A bill to amend the Controlled Substances Act to provide for disposal of controlled substances by ultimate users and care takers through State take-back disposal programs, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit recommendations on drug labels for disposal by flushing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. KENNEDY, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 1337. A bill to exempt children of certain Filipino World War II veterans from the numerical limitations on immigrant visas; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. ALEXANDER):

S. 1338. A bill to require the accreditation of English language, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. HAGAN:

S. 1339. A bill to provide for financial literacy education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. CRAPO):

S. 1340. A bill to establish a minimum funding level for programs under the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 for fiscal years 2010 to 2014 that ensures a reasonable growth in victim programs without jeopardizing the long-term sustainability of the Crime Victims Fund; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 1341. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to impose an excise tax on certain proceeds received on SILO and LILO transactions; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. TESTER, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 1342. A bill to include Idaho and Montana as affected areas for purposes of making claims under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (42 U.S.C. 2210 note) based on exposure to atmospheric nuclear testing; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. BENNETT, and Mr. CASEY):

S. 1343. A bill to amend the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to improve and expand direct certification procedures for the national school lunch and school

breakfast programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. VITTER (for himself and Mr. KYL):

S. 1344. A bill to temporarily protect the solvency of the Highway Trust Fund; read the first time.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BAYH, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LUGAR, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 1345. A bill to aid and support pediatric involvement in reading and education; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. FEINGOLD):

S. 1346. A bill to penalize crimes against humanity and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 1347. A bill to amend chapter 171 of title 28, United States Code, to allow members of the Armed Forces to sue the United States for damages for certain injuries caused by improper medical care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 202. A resolution to provide for issuance of a summons and for related procedures concerning the articles of impeachment against Samuel B. Kent; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 203. A resolution to provide for the appointment of a committee to receive and to report evidence with respect to articles of impeachment against Judge Samuel B. Kent; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. VITTER:

S. Res. 204. A resolution designating March 31, 2010, as "National Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Awareness Day"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. ISAKSON):

S. Res. 205. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of African American Bone Marrow Awareness Month; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 307

At the request of Mr. WYDEN, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BAYH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 307, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide flexibility in the manner in which beds are counted for purposes of determining whether a hospital may be designated as a critical access hospital under the Medicare program and to exempt from the critical access hospital inpatient bed limitation the number of beds provided for certain veterans.

S. 423

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. CASEY) was added as a co-

sponsor of S. 423, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize advance appropriations for certain medical care accounts of the Department of Veterans Affairs by providing two-fiscal year budget authority, and for other purposes.

S. 451

At the request of Ms. COLLINS, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 451, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America.

S. 510

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 510, a bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act with respect to the safety of the food supply.

S. 634

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 634, a bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve standards for physical education.

S. 645

At the request of Mrs. LINCOLN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. PRYOR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 645, a bill to amend title 32, United States Code, to modify the Department of Defense share of expenses under the National Guard Youth Challenge Program.

S. 653

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON), the Senator from Colorado (Mr. UDALL) and the Senator from Delaware (Mr. KAUFMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 653, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the writing of the Star-Spangled Banner, and for other purposes.

S. 662

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the names of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 662, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for reimbursement of certified midwife services and to provide for more equitable reimbursement rates for certified nurse-midwife services.

S. 663

At the request of Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, the name of the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNETT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 663, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish the Merchant Mariner Equity Compensation Fund to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service